WILLINGTON.

day of Mrs. Emily C. Carpenter.

Sunday morning Rev. Austin Gard-

day School-Teachers Appointed-

At the first annual meeting of the Baptist church at Mansfield Depot, the following officers were chosen: Clerk,

ply the table, Mrs. Burdick and Mrs. Sherman.

At the annual meeting of the Sun-

er classes retain the teachers of the past year, No. 1, Mrs. William Cor-bit; No. 2, Mrs. George Stedman No. 3, Mrs. Merritt Smith; No. 4, R. S.

There has been a steady increase

enrollment and attendance and the

outlook is very encouraging.

Mrs. Bonny was in Hartford a part
of last week.

Surprise Party.

Herbert Pollard and Robert Branch

Riveted to Collar.

Mrs. E. J. Holman returned Mon-

r some time, is improving. Miss Elizabeth White was in Hart-

ford and Windsor, visiting friends and

relatives, this week.

Several of the Bolton grange attuded the meeting of the state grange in Hartford January 12, 13 and 14.

Calvin Hutchinson, who has been

ELLINGTON.

ill, is able to be out again.

Surprise Visit.

Sherman.

A FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS.

The Opinions of a Pessimist---He Shows Up the Decadence of Agriculture as it Isn't-His Mistaken Notions--The Lot of the Farmer Greatly Improved the Past Half Century-Work as it Used to be Done and as it is Done Now---Agriculture is Steadily Advancing---The Farmer is Having an Easier Time.

(Written specially for The Bulletin - life, my aspirations, even my comcountry published a page-long letter, with embusiastic editorial endorsement, slang-whanging the government for giving away western lands as homesteads, and, also, for enlarging the fultivable area of the country by irrigation projects. To these two facts, and to them only, the writer attributed the alleged decadence of American ngwith men who have farms given them

by government, in the west.

Well, us to that there's much to be said on both sides. I haven't any brirf for either, and don't, here and now, propose to argue either. Though I do feel moved to say that, even if the said homesteading and irrigating in the west were proven to be harmful to custern farming, that verdict wouldn't carry with it the decision that they solely responsible for farming

My next door neighbor may have an automobile given him. That doesn't make the man who gave it to him re-sponsible for my horse sticking a shin-

But I do want to quote a few sentences from the chap's letter, intro-ductory to his main contention and intended to set forth the present state of farming and farmers, as he views it.

I want you all to see what this man thinks about you and your condition.

I want you to read just a little of the stuff which a few farmers are all the fine talking or thinking. There are more than sive hundred words of it in the letter I am referring to, but I'm going to pick out about a hundred, just as samples. To wit, that is to say, as

"Why are there in the eastern states hundreds of thousands of acres of abandoned farms, and millions of acres that may be called semi-ahandoned." Why are the farming lands of the whole of New England for sale?

Why are the majority of farmers' wives obliged to slave and toll as no other class of women are obliged to do, the women and girls of our city sweat-shops not excepted?

Why, of all the business enter-. Why, of all the business enter-prises in the United States, has that of agriculture declined from the highest to the lowest scale in respectability? Why has the farmer . fallen to the condition of the hardest-worked and most underpaid citizen, until, as a class, he has become the laughing-stock of the store-clerks, peanut-venders and boot-blacks?"

There you have it, "right from the at." Catch it, please, and hang on to long enough to see what you think When did you advertise your farm?

As "the farm lands of the whole of New England are for sale," of course yours must be-or else our friend has made a slight mistake.

I read the other day of a New York city family where the wife and all her city family where the wife and all her three daughters worked till midnight every night on cheap shirts for the big department stores, at a price so low that, after the rent was paid, they had less than \$2.50 a week, on the average, to supply food and clothing. The majority of farmers' wives are worse off than this, our Jeremiah tells us. And it must be so—or size he had made another wlight mistake.

Farming has "declined from the

highest to the lowest scale in respect-bility," says he. Perhaps you, in your blatant self-concelt, may some-times have thought your occupation at least as respectable as that of rag-picking or cospool cleaning or dive-keeping. But you see you were wrong

Now, however, comes the very worst

of all; you have "become the laughing stock of—bootblacks!"
Will you please cringe, crouch, cower, grovel, crawl out to the barnyard and hide yourself? Apparently, our friend and mentor thinks that's about the proper thing. Or has he made still another mistake?

For one, I frankly confess that all this sort of talk and writing "makes me tired." It's absurd; it's billous; it's untrue. The farming lands of "the whole of New England" are not for sale. The majority of farmers' wives do not "slave and toll" harder than the workers for sweat shops. Farming has not sunk to "the lowest scale of respectability." What's the sense of writing such manifest extravagandes of dyspeptic spices? For one, I frankly confess that all cles of dyspeptic spleen?

tion and envy of the bootblack fraterhity, probably I should take that as a final knockout. But—shameful as the confession may seem, I really consider several other things as more immeriant than the prevention of hilarity among bootblacks. My ideals of the future is going to the future is going to the future is going to be better. Let's look alive, be cheerful, and—keep disging. What if I have got a sore finger? There are seven others that aren't sore. And that one is going to get well, by and by.

THE FARMER.

TOLLAND COUNTY.

Some time last month one of the place, everyday habits are, fortunately adding agricultural papers of the or unfortunately, of a character somethe average bootblack would be apt

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not to take a polish. Wearing them not to take a polish. Wearing them in your work is sensible; wearing a pair of fine calf oxford ties while plowing or haufling manure would not be sensible, even though the bootblack gave the latter his high approval. Nevertheless, if I had to go to town in my field boots, I shouldn't dodge Franklin square and Main street, just because a bootblack might see them

> There are enough unhappy things about farming, at its best, without trying to make a bad matter worse by exaggeration, It is hard work and generally underpaid. I know it; thou knowest it; he knows it; we know it you know it; they all know it. An we all wish the work was easier and the pay better. But I can remember two generations of farmers; family tradition gives me a clear insight into the condition of two more generations, preceding those I have personally known. The average farmer and the average farmer's wife work fewer hours, nowadays, and get more for hours, nowadays, and get more for their work than the farmers and farmcrs' wives of previous genreations. Of course, there may be exceptions, but on the whole my statement is correct. Every man who has seen threescore years in the country knows it.

> These plaguey pessimists talk about fifty years ago as if then farming was fun and money-making a mere amusement. I happen to remember fifty years Every summer morning I was d out of bed before it was fairly light, to drive to pasture the cows my father and elder brother had already milked. Before the sun rose we were all in the fields and at work. We kept it up all day, taking no full hour at noon for our dinner, either, till it grew too dark to see well. Then the chores and supper by candle light, and to bed, sore, sorry and tired. Despite this incessant and back breaking labor money was so scarce that we all had to think was so scarce that we all had to think was so scarce that we all had to think wice before we bought a postage stamp. What we now consider the necessaries of life were then its luxories. Fresh meat was a thing almost inknown, except at "hog-killing time." Tes and coffee were used only on state occasions. A single whole stick of candy was something for a boy to hope for and dream about, but which he yery seldom realized. Mostly farmers lived on salt pork and potatoes and beans and "rye 'nd injun." My mother was long regarded as unduly "stuck

When I hear people talk about the when I lear decadence of agriculture in the past decadence of a griculture in the past decadence decadence of agriculture in the past half century I'm never sure whether in snow or slush; our feet were gen-erally raw with "chilblains," and our hands bleeding from numerous "callous

cracks" and "chaps."

Last week, my wood being drawn down from the mountain. I telephoned, one bright morning to the wood sawer. Down he came with his gasoline engine and buzz saw; in four hours of ctual work the ten cords were sawed actual work the ten cords were sawed. Nobody had overworked; nobody was even tired; not a sore toe nor a chapped hand in the whole bunch. It cost me \$6 to have the wood sawed, because I had it cut three times instead of twice to the stick. Fifty years ago "cow hay" was selling here at \$4 a ton. Today it is worth, in my barn, \$10 a ton. The increased price on a single ton of that hay paid for the whole ton. Today it is worth, in my barn, sic a ten. The increased price on a single ton of that hay paid for the whole wood sawing job which in those "golden times of old" kept the gover-nor and the boy lame, sore and theu for more than two weeks.

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LIVE NEWS FROM THREE COUNTIES.

WINDHAM COUNTY.

THOMPSON.

Local Officers Attended Meeting of State Grange-Informal Reception to Rev. Arnold Huizinga.

Miss Made Phinney was the guest of her mother at the Vernon Stiles hotel last week.

The B. Y. P. U. meeting Sunday wening was led by Edward Brown.

Robert A. Dunning of Perryville was in town over Sunday.

Reception to New Pastor.

Rev. Samuel Thatcher of Oneco has been visiting schools in town the past week in Hartford.

Sunday School Officers Elected The Congregational Sunday school elected the following officers Sunday school superintendent, R. A. Dunning; assistant, E. S. Backus; scereinry and treasurer, Mias H. R. Lewis; librarian, Mias Mary J. Ross; superintendent of home department, Miss S. A. Munyan; assistant, Miss M. M. Knight.

Death of Mrs. Seth Draper. Mrs. Seth Draper died on Sunday morning. She had a raralytic shock on Saturday, from which she did not begain consciousness. She was nearly

ninety years old and is survived by a son. Henry Draper, and a daughter, Mrs. G. A. Thompson. The funeral was held at her recent home on Wed-nesday at 2 o'clock.

WOODSTOCK VALLEY.

Attended Funeral in Abington - Number Present at Silver Wedding.

Mrs. Olive Hiscox attended the funeral of Miss Elia Ingalls at Abing-ton on Friday of last week. Several from here attended the all. ver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Bosworth at West Woodstock on Satin town over Sunday.

The B Y. P. U. held a reception to their new officers in the town hall on Friday evening.

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The newly-elected master and lecturer of the local grange, Thomas Ryan, and Mrs. C. L. Knight and Miss Julia Ryan attended the meeting of the state grange in Hartford Tueday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Were numerous and costly
for H. Love of Putnam was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiseox are in Hartford this week.

Albert Darling had the misfortune to lose his horse on Manday. It dropped dead on his way home from East-

The Ladies' Ald society of the Congregational church held an informal reception to their new nastor, Rev. Arnold Hulzinga, on Wednesday even-ing.

Miss Cora Kenyon is on the sick list. Mrs. Frances Brockway is also ill. An old-fashioned supper was served at the Baptist church, West Woodstock, on Friday evening.

HAMPTON.

Albert Mills was a visitor in Hart Albert Mills was a cred lest wook.

Mrs. Jessup and son Ernest have returned from Danbury, where they were the guests of reintiven.

Miss Mande Fitts, who is employed was a week-end guest. Willingantle, was a week-end guest Ellist, the regular, being sick with the recitations. of local friends,
Miner Burdick was a Thread city
visitor Tuesday,
Albert Gulld and Arthur B. Roberts

WESTMINSTER.

Wonder Box Greatly Appreciated by Church Activities-Eighty-third Birth-Recipients - Delicate Operation on Deer by Mr. and Mrs. Dr. E. C. Greene.

Miss Jennie Button has returned om a visit with her sister, Mrs. Allen Dwight C. Lovett was called by tele-ram to Groton the first of the week a account of the serious illness of

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Allen of Scot-and were visitors at Merrill Button's n Wednesday. Louis Degrenier met with an acci-

dent one day last week by falling from a tree which he had ascended in order to secure some squirrels. Dr. John O. Smith was a caller here

Wednesday.

Harlan Wedge is still very feeble.
Both Mr. Wedge and his sister, Miss
Frances Wedge, wish to thank the
many friends and neighbors who donated so generously to the "Wonder
Her" which Hox" which was presented to them this week. Mrs. Myron Alien and oth-ers solicited for the box, and nearly everyone asked to contribute responded by giving some article of food, such as ham, vegetables, fruit, flour, jellies, beef, ples etc. Most of the packages were accompanied with a joily message or a rhyme, together with the denor's

Dr. Greene Sets Deer's Leg.

We are indebted to a Pontiac Mich., caper for the following item: "By a liful surgical operation, performed frequent. The views single Dr. Edward L. Greene, it is bested that the life of Nellie, one of the than in summer time.

lived that the life of Nellie, one of the pet deer at the Eastern Michigan asylium has been saved. The animal had sustained a broken leg recently. The fractured limb is set in splints and the delicate animal is now able to hobble about. It is doubtful if ever before such an operation was performed on a deer."

Dr. Edward C. Greene is a native of Canterbury, and more particularly of this parish. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Greene, long residents of this place, but now residing at Danielson. Dr. Greene has been one of the staff of physicians for several years at the Eastern Michigan asylum and is now first assistant physician. He has now first assistant physician. He has a strong love for surgery. We are glad to note the rapid rise of this Westminster boy.

Personals.

sermon at the Congregational thurch Sunday was by Rev. A. J. Het-lick and a good congregation was urer, Asa T. Burdick; assistant tresent, considering the weather. treasurer, Mrs. Mary Durkee, To sup-Miss Grace Rathbun had charge of the prayer meeting Sunday evening.

The annual business meeting was mock and accepted. Belgar H. Parkceived and accepted. Edgar H. Parkceived and accepted and accepted. Edgar H. Parkceived and accepted and accepte Annual Business Meeting of Church

Several of the teachers in town and others interested in education met at the Canterbury Plains church to attend the meeting which Secretary Hine

of the state board appointed for Jan. 9, 1969. As no speaker came, it was thought Mr. Hine must have been ill, as he is generally on hand.

Parsonage Occupied Again—Lecture by Miss Osgood.

Mrs. Will Gallup is teaching school in the western part of the state.

School opened on Tuesday after the holiday vacation.

Surprise Party.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ayer in Coventry Friday evening, Jan. 8, being a surprise to Mr. Ayer. Twenty-eight friends and neighbors were present. Refreshments were served and all had a very enjoyable time.

Miss Ellen Osgood delivered an ad-

Miss Ellen Osgood delivered an acdress on "Mercy Warner and Abigail
Adams" before the Woman's club in
Dedham, Mass. this week.
All are glad to see the parsonage
occupied once more.
James W. Brown has moved to the
Sumner house recently vacated by
Thomas Shes.

their house and gone away to spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wyatt of New York have moved here to the Taylor farm, owned by H. C. Barlow and son. Wyatt is to repair his house which he hought a year ago, and will move there as soon as it is ready. William Brehant has bought of Earl Wright of Warrenville his fast trotting mare Kit. Peter Platt has also bought a fine horse of Raymond

CLARK'S CORNERS.

H. H. Brown of North Amherst vis-ited friends here this week. Capt. Robert Clark was in New Lon-don Tuesday.

Mrs. L. H. Jewett and Mrs. W. N.

Jewett attended the state grange in Settling Hall Estate—Dog Tags to Be

TOLLAND COUNTY.

James Day's Death—Sale of Marcy Place—Congregational Society Meets.

James Day, nged 64 died at his home near the Plains early Tuesday, after several weeks' illness. He is survived by a widow and five children Mrs. Katherine Desrosiers of Three Rivers.

James Day's Death—Sale of Marcy Foster is the administrator and W. H. Hall and Walter A. Allen appraisers. Eggs are down to 30 cents per dozen; a low price for this time of year. Dog tags for next season are to be arranged to permit riveting to the collar, so Commissioner Averill informs the town clerks. Katherine Desrosiers of Three Rivers.

Mass., Misses Mary Annie and Celia Day and Michaei Day of this place. The funeral was held in St. Mary's church Thursday morning, with hurial in the Plains cemetery.

Joseph Kingsbury and family have moved into the "Grandma" Hall house, as his condition is such that the advantage of rooms heated by steam will be highly beneficial.

Edward Avery of South street was taken to a private hospital in Willimantic Monday following a sudden attack of appendicitis. It is hoped an operation may not be necessary.

E. W. Latimer has purchased the Wary house on Wall street.

Source Cadwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis D. Eaton of New York were recent guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Eaton.

Mary house on Wall street.

Rev. J. F. Robertson is so far recovered from his recent illness as to
Mr.

Be able to conduct services at the M.

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church.
Rev. Nestor Light gave an interesting illustrated lecture at the Congreational church last Sunday evening
in Home Mission Work

Mrs. Eliza E. Daly, who has been ill ing fliustrated lecture at the Congregational church last Sunday evening on Home Mission Work.

Congregational Officers Reappointed. The annual meeting of the Congregational church society was held on Monday evening. All the officers, both for church and Sunday school, were The Misses Barlow of Westford ere vistors at H. C. Barlow's over

were vi-Mr. and Mrs. Addison Kingsbury have been visiting in Boston and vi-

Miss Carrie Peck attended the governor's ball in Hartford Wednesday SOMERSVILLE. The third entertainment of the series under the auspices of the grange was given last Friday evening. Mrs. Marion Murless Chayin of Holyake sang and H. H. Larkum of Rockville gave William Namman delivered his crop of tobacco one day this week.

Miss Evelyn Marks of this place is

quinsy.

Hatheway Bros sold their crop of tobacco to Hartford people this week.

Jacob Rooke is moving into the Morris tenement.

A number are in Hartford this week. Morris tenement attending the state grange.

School Committee-men's Payment Lawyers' Fees Displease Voters-Library Association's Annual Meeting.

COLUMBIA.

Sunday morning Rev. Austin Gardner, pastor of the Congregational
church, preached a spiritual sermon
from Col. iii:11; topic, "Christ Only."
At the Baptist church the pastor,
Rev. Earle W. Darrow's text was,
"Keep thy heart with diligence for out
of it are the issues of life." An excellent sermon was listened to with
closest attention.
In the absence of the assigned leader. Miss Dunning, the Endeavor meet-Mr. and Mrs. Willard B. Clarke re cently returned from two weeks' visit with friends ir. New York, New Haven and Hamden. Trouble Grows Out of School Case.

Trouble Grows Out of School Case.

A petition has been circulated among the legal voters of the town, asking them to call a town meeting to see if the town will vote to sue the selectmen for the money paid out by the town treasurer on their orders in payment for lawyers' fees in the case of Mrs. Ethei Fox Berketey vs. J. N. Clarke and Hubert P. Collins, members of the local school board. This case was recently tried before the superior court at Rockville, when the jury, by order of Judge Wheeler, redered a verdict in favor of Collins, but could not agree on a verdict regarding Clarke. It is said the case will be tried again at the April term. Attorneys Charles F. Clarke of New Haven and George E. Hisman of Willimantic were counsel for the defendants. The selectmen recently gave town orders for the amount of their bills, over \$200. Inasmuch as the town was not named as defendants. In the absence of the assigned leader, Miss Dunning, the Endeavor meeting was led by Rev. Mr. Darrow. The attendance was good and the subject well sustained.

The class for the study of Pilgrim's Progress, on Friday evening at Maple corner was pleasant and instructive.

On Tuesday evening at 7.30 the midweek prayer meeting was resumed in the Baptist church parlor.

Several from here attended the benefit social for the relief of the earthquake sufferers, at the hall in South Willington, on Tuesday evening. A hastily prepared programme served to show the abundance of available talent in the community. able talent in the community.

Mrs. Emily Chaffer Carpenter's \$8d birthday on the 10th brought her a shower of cards and other tokens from the town was not named as defendants in the case and had therefore employed shower of cards and other tokens from her many friends, that began on Sat-urday and still continues. The first suggestion of this expression of re-gard came from John Merrick, Min-neapolis, Minn.

Visitors to the Pinnacle are not in-frequent. The views since the foliage is gone from the trees are much finer than in summer time. counsel, and the case against Clarke has not yet been decided, the action of the selectmen has caused considerable comment. In response to the petition a town meeting has been called for next Monday afternoon. There is every indication that it will

Busy Year for Library.

The Saxton B. Little Free Library association held its annual meeting last Monday evening and elected the following officers: President, S. B. West; vice president, William J. Johnson; vice president. William J. Johnson; secretary, William A. Coilins; treasurer. Edward P. Lyman; trustees, Alonzo Little, James P. Little, E. P. Lyman; members of library committee, for three years, Mrs. Lillian P. Rice, L. E. Winter. The report of the trustees showed that the library association now has a permanent fund of nearly \$1,500 invested in the savings banks. \$5,000, invested in the savings banks

\$5,000, invested in the savings banks of the state.

The librarian's report was as follows: Number of volumes now in library, 5,737; No. of volumes drawn during past year, 2,855, of which 2,763 were drawn by regular patrons of the library and 92 by school teachers for use in their respective schools; the number of volumes added during the past year was 189, of which 48 were purchased by the library association, 115 were received from the state grant, 70 were received from the state grant, 70 were received from the state grant. 70 were received from the estate of S. B. Little of Meriden, and 4 by gift from individuels.

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At the close of the annual meeting the library committee met and organized for the ensuing year. Joseph Hutchins was chosen chairman and Hutchins was chosen chairman and Mrs. Lillian P. Rice clerk and librarian. The committee then adjourned two weeks, when they meet for the selection of books and to attend to other business pertaining to the management of the library.

Other Local Incrests. Nathan Glotzman has sold his farm property located in Pine street to Hy-man Merker of New York. The new owner will take possession at once. The funeral of John G. Mitchell, deputy secretary of state, was held on Wednesday forenoon. A brief service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Harris of the Columbia Congregational church, was held at his home in this place and was largely attended. The place and was largely attended. The hody was taken to Willimantic and ser-vices were held at the Methodist church. Burial was in Willimantic

BOLTON NOTCH.

cemetery.

Church Split Over Buying an Organ-George M. Lombard on U. S. S. Wabash.

Mrs. McGorty have closed her house and gone away to spend he remainder of the winter.

WESTFORD.

Stock.

H. F. William has fitted up a fine bers of the church have objected to the entertainments and have asked the minister. Rev. F. C. Parker, to have minister, Rev. F. C. Parker, to have the minister have gotten track of a recond-hand or have gotten track of a recond-hand or are in Boston and want the \$48 that is Miss Maude Brigham visited her mother, Mrs. Don Brigham, in Turnerville, last week.

Rev. R. S. Sherman, Merrit Smith and Asa Burdick were at Spring Hill Jan, S.

Osmer Reynolds, after spending a few weeks with his mother, Mrs. Abbie Reynolds, has returned to New York.

Mrs. Dyer and child have returned to West Bridgewater. Mass., after spending several weeks with Mrs. Dyer's mother, Mrs. Rhooes, of Merrow.

A baked bean supper was served in the chapel Jan, 13.

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Taken to State Hospital. First Selectman M. W. Howard was in Hartford and Mildletown Monday Wate Lee from St. transferring Mrs. Kate Lee from St. Francis' hospital to the insane asylum.

day from Manchester, where she had been spending a few days with her son, Charles W. Holmes. Miss Mabel Thompson of Williman-tic was a recent guest of Mr. and General News. General News,

Mrs. E. A. Shaw's large St. Bernard dog Flora returned home Monday morning with one leg broken.

George Barrows of Manchester is employed on the local section and will live in the Carver house for a while.

The work train and a force of men have been at work in the yard here the past week picking up ties.

Mrs. E. A. Harley leaves today (Saturday) for Broad Brook, where she is to be cook in a hotel. Mrs. Charles E. Allen.
The estate of Mrs. Nellie H. Hall is in process of settlement. Edward to be cook in a hotel.

A letter has been received from

George M. Lombard, who recently en-George M. Lombard, who recently en-listed in the navy. He is stationed on the U. S. S. Wabash at Charlestown. Mass., and likes it very well. Later he expects to be assigned to the New

Miss Mahel Howard was a Man-chester visitor Wednesday. STAFFORDVILLE.

Brewer Family Moves to Old Mystlo-Recent Visitors Noted.

H. G. Dunham of Hydeville is ill. Mrs. Helen O'Brien returned to her nome in Springfield Monday, after a engthy visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Giltrop. Mr. and Mrs Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brewer and family moved last week to Old Mystic, where Mr. Brewer is employed in the

The Epworth league will hold their prayer meeting in the M. E. church Sunday evening. Topic, How We Know the Father. Leader, Miss Nellie

Durc'ale.

Mrs. Marchant. Misses Irene and Bessie Marchant were called to Waterbury last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Charles Marchant.

Mrs. Maggie Whitman of West Eaton, N. Y., is the guest of ber brother, Grant Hanner.

Mr. and Mrs. Oriando Smith and Mrs. Elmer Belding and daughter, Beatrice, of Wales, Mass., and Mrs. Henry Belding and son, Herbert, of State Line, were recent guests of Mrs. Mahlon West.

New London-Lawrence McGinley, son of Postmaster John McGinley, broke his collarbons on the right side, close to where it joins the ribs, while playing center on the Mohawks in the Mohawk-Segatchie basketball game at

New Bread Causes PRESIDENT HITS Stomach Distress

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Headaches from the stomach are absolutely unknown where this effective remedy is used. Diapepsin really does all the work of a healthy stomach. It digests your meals when your stomach can't. Each triangule will digest all the food you can eat and leave nothing to ferment or sour.

Get a large 50-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from your druggist and start taking today and by tomorrow you will actually brag about your healthy, strong Stomach, for you then can eat anything and everything you want without the slightest discomfort or misery, and every particle of impurity and Gas every particle of impurity and Gas that is in your stomach and intestines is going to be carried away without the use of laxatives or any other as-

EAST WILLINGTON.

Many are suffering from colds.

Miss Ide recently had a gift of a box of sweet potatoes from her nisce in

Mrs. A. G. Baldwin sent her sen, who is a designer, a rug made in New-comb's Weaver's Delight, with filling from China. He wrote back: "I am de-lighted with it. Quite a designer, aren't you? Guess I shall have to take off my hat to you."

WASHINGTON COUNTY, R.I.

HOPKINTGN.

Town Council Meets-Prebate Court Petitioned to Appoint Quardians for Aged Weman and Her Son.

A special meeting of the town cour cil was held in Ashaway on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 7, to inspect the places where the Ashaway and Westerly railway crosses the highway, which were to be put in a condition satisfactory to the town council. No definite action was taken at the session to approve or regret the work.

regret the work, Rev. L. F. Randolph was in Wester-ly Thursday, Jan. 7th, and the next day was taken seriously ill with ca-tarrh of the stomach. Rev. E. P. Mathewson preached for him Saturday morning. His condition is some-what improved Roger W. Lewis conducted the meet-

ing in the Seventh Day Baptist church Saturday evening.

polition of Mr. Carpenter for the ap-pointment of a guardian over the per-son and estate of Arnold B. Barber, son of said Mary Barber, a per-on of full age, but incompetent to care for his

To Combat Insect Pests. At the same time the town council passed a resolution that the general assembly of Rhode Island be requested to take action on the matter of making a sufficient appropriation to fight the tussock moth and elm tree heatle in this action. beetle in this state.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

Lillian Russell is playing to record business at the Broadway theater,

"Ben-Hur" has been received with as much cordiality on the Pacific coast this season as it was on its first trop "Secon

Maud Powell is the greatest woman violinist in the world; at least the ablest musical critics accord her first

In "Via Wireless" is about to visit the principal cities of the countries after a four months' run at the Liberty theater, New York.

Enblebert Humperdinck is expected to arrive in New York in Feburary. He has consented to conduct the first performance at the Metropolitan op-era house of his new opera, "Die Konigskinder."

William Beach, who plays Martin Drury in James Forbes' comedy, "The Traveling Salesman," made his debut on the stage in 1878 with the late Kato Grard in the famous drama, "Society on The Stage." vs. The Stage."

By arrangement with Harrison Grey Fiske, the Messrs Shubert will present "The Vampire" for the first time in New York at the Hackett theater on Monday afternoon, Jan. 18, following Mrs. Fiske's engagement in "Salvation Nell"

Fannie Ward, the clever American

actress, who has been a London vogue for several years, has captured critics and audiences alike on her first ap-pearance in her own country in "The New Lady Bantock," a comedy by Jerome K. Jerome. The opening of Maxine Elliott's thea-

ater, under the joint management of Maxine Elliott and the Messrs. Shu-bert, with Miss Elliott's first New York appearance in "The Chaperon," the new international comedy by Maron Fairfax, was an important theat-

"Little Nemo" is playing its last week at the New Amsterdam theater. New York. Klaw & Erlanger's big musical comedy has proved a worthy successor to "The Merry Widow." It goes to Boston with the same come-dians, Joseph Cawthorn, Billy Van and Harry Kelly, who made the entertain-ment famous in New York.

A number are in Hartford this week the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Monday There are nearly 50,000 police in as if Canada were an independent attending the state grange.

Mohawk-Segatchie basketball game at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Monday England and Wales.

AT MONOPOLY.

Vetoes Grant of Private Rights to Water Power.

SCORES CORPORATION GREED.

In Message to House He Declares Complete Central of Country's Streams is Aimed At-Matter of Supreme Importance to America Now That Other Natural Resources Are Being Rapidly Exhausted.

Washington, Jan. 15.-In returning today to the house of representatives without his approval a bill granting private rights in a navigable stream Water President Roosevelt says:

I return herewith without my approval house bill 17,707, to authorize William H. Standish to construct a dam across James river in Stone county, Mo., and divert a portion of its waters through a tunnel into the said

river again to create electric power. The bill gives to the grantee a valuable privilege, which by its very nature is monopolistic and does not contain the conditions essential to protect the public interest.

Monopoly Threatened.

The people of the country are threatened by a monopoly far more powerful, because in far closer touch with their domestic and industrial life, than anything known to our experience. A single generation will see the exhaustion of our natural resources of oil and gas and such a rise in the price of coal as will make the price of electrically transmitted water power a controlling factor in transportation, in manufacturing and in bousehold lighting and heating. To give away, without conditions, this, one of the greatest of our resources, would be an act

of folly. Information collected by the bureau of corporations shows that it is probable that eleven corporations directly or indirectly control developed water power and advantageous power sites equal to more than a third of all the developed water power in the entire country. It is, in my opinion, relatively unimportant for us to know whether or not the promoters of this particular project are affiliated with any of these great corporations. The time to attach conditions and prevent monopoly is when a grant is made.

The great corporations are acting with foresight, singleness of purpose and vigor to control the water powers of the country. They are demanding legislation for unconditional grants in perpetuity of land. On the other hand, the administration proposes that authority be given to issue power permits for a term not to exceed fifty years, irrevocable except for breach of

Last summer the choir at the Quarryville M. E. church at Belknap held an entertainment and supper. The proceeds were to go towards buying a new organ to take the place of the old second-hand one bought or given to the church two years ago. About 343 was realized. This not being enough they voted to place the money in the bank until a future date, when more case by the action of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce upon this very measure. A bill to declare this river unnavigable was

rejected by that committee. Government Policy Stated. I repeat the words with which I concluded my message vetoing the Rainy

river bill: "In place of the present haphagard policy of permanently alienating valuable public property we should substitute a definite policy along the following lines:

"First.-There should be a limited or carefully guarded grant in the nature of an option or opportunity afforded within reasonable time for development of plans and for execution of the "Second.—Such a grant or concession should be accompanied in the act mak-

ing the grant by a provision expressly

making it the duty of a designated official to annul the grant if the work is not begun or plans are not carried out in accordance with the authority grant-"Third.-It should also be the duty of some designated official to see to it that in approving the plans the maximum development of the navigation and power is assured, or, at least, that

in making the plans these may not be so developed as ultimately to interfere with the better utilization of the water or complete development of the power. "Fourth.-There should be a license fee or charge which, though small or nominal at the outset, can in the fu-

ture be adjusted so as to secure a control in the interest of the public. "Fifth.-Provision should be made for the termination of the grant or privilege at a definite time, leaving to future generations the power or authority to renew or extend the concession in accordance with the conditions which may prevail at that time." Further reflection suggests a sixth

condition-viz: The license should be forfelted upon proof that the licensee has joined in any conspiracy or unlawful combination in restraint of trade, as is provided for grants of coal lands in Alaska

by the act of May 28, 1908. I esteem it my duty to use every endeavor to prevent this growing menopoly, the most threatening which has

ever appeared. THEODORE ROOSEVELT. The White House, Jan. 15, 1909.

To Canada by Circle.

In fact and in a practical way the relations between the United States The largest bunch of violets ever made up in Boston was presented to Miss Lina Abrabanell, the Sonia of the Boston "Merry Widow" company at the closing performance last week. The bouquet measured exactly 32 inches across and contained 2,400 separate violets and stems. It came from a well known Back Bay society woman. and Canada are so intimate and involve so many questions of state that Cang-dians and Americans alike find it irk-some to have to do business by way of London, and many Canadian statesmen they will so arrange their diplomatic intercourse as to have it quite as free